

## REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claim 20. Original Claims 1-19 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 12 are independent claims.

The Examiner has maintained the propriety of the restriction requirement of record and has made it FINAL. Claim 20 was withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, it is proposed herein that the instant claim be cancelled to expedite prosecution of the present application. Notwithstanding, it should be noted that under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 121 Applicants reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In the recent Office Action, Claims 1-19 were allowed over the prior art of record. The Examiner stated that prosecution on the merits of the application is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

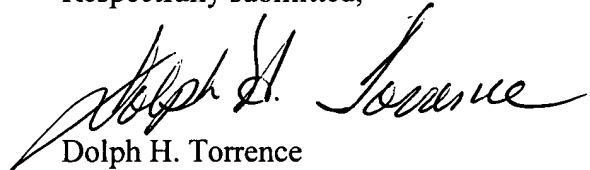
The Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected Claim 20 is noted with appreciation. The cancellation of the instant claim by the present amendment properly addresses this formal matter.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolph H. Torrence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dolph" being more prominent.

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